

Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed are 7 sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1-7. Please substitute these drawings for those currently on file in the subject application.

There are no changes to the drawings.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 15-17 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 18-31 stand rejected. Claim 6 stands objected to.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to correct various typographical errors and to provide more consistent use of the term “imaging system”.

Claim Objection:

Claim 6 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 6 and, further to clarify the phrase “wherein the step of determining the preferred output image form is based in part upon the determined compression setting”, by substituting the words “compression settings” from claim 6 with the term “compression setting.” This makes this phrase consistent with the use of the phrase “a compression setting” earlier in the previous claim 6.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 101:

Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner’s remarks regarding these claims are well taken. Claims 21 and 22 stand amended. Claim 23 is cancelled.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, and 7-14 stand rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. Each of claims 2-5 and 7-14 ultimately depends upon claim 1 and is believed to be allowable at least for the reasons for which the Examiner provided the indication of allowable subject matter as to former claim 6.

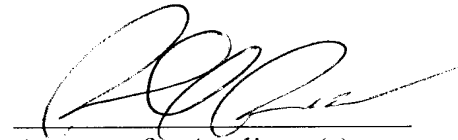
Claims 15-17 have been allowed. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Claims 19 and 20 now depend from claim 15.

Claims 21 and 22 depend respectively from claims 1 and 15, and are believed to be in a condition for allowance for the reasons cited with respect to claims 1 and 15.

Claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled. New claim 32 has been introduced. Claims 25-31 now depend from new claim 32.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that in view of the above amendments and remarks, that this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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